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AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office Action of February 1, 2005, and the interview on April 6, 2005. No fee is believed due with this response. However, if a fee is deemed applicable, any fees should be charged to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 29385-69914.

The presented claims are amended and presented in accordance 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1) and (2) as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of continuously casting steel strip comprising: